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NORWEGIAN LOS MATTERS

1. ARNE TREHOLT, LOS MINISTER EVENSEN'S PRIVATE SECRETARY,
REVIEWED WITH E/C COUNSELOR ON NOVEMBER 5, DEVELOPMENTS IN
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NORWEGIAN LOS MATTERS:

ICELAND:

A. NORWAY HAS BY NOTE RESERVED ITS POSITION ON THAT PART OF ICELAND'S EXTENSION OF ITS FISHERY LIMITS TO 200 NAUTICA MILES WHICH RELATES TO THE AREA BETWEEN ICELAND AND JAN MAYEN. WHEN ICELAND EXTENDED ITS FISHING LIMITS, IT INDICATED IT WOULD NOT ENFORCE ITS 200-MILE LIMIT IN THE AREA BETWEEN ICELAND AND JAN MAYEN. THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT DECIDED IT SHOULD SUBMIT FORMAL RESERVATION TO THIS POSITION ON THE GROUNDS THAT SILENCE MEANT CONSENT WHEREAS NORWAY SUPPORTS A MEDIAN LINE IN THE AREA. THERE HAS BEEN NO REACTION FROM ICELAND.

ON FISHING TREHOLT SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH NORWAY'S AGREEMENT WITH ICELAND ON FISHING WITHIN ICELAND'S FORMER 50-MILE FISHING LIMIT EXPIRES ON NOVEMBER 13, 1975, NORWEGIAN FISHERMEN DID NOT NORMALLY FISH IN THESE WATERS UNTIL THE SPRING. THEREFORE, THERE WAS NO URGENCY TO NEGOTIATE A NEW AGREEMENT. FURTHERMORE, ICELAND HAS INDICATED IT WILL GIVE NORWAY PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT WITHIN ITS 200-MILE FISHING LIMITS AND THAT THE NORWEGIAN POSITION WOULD BE BETTER IF NORWAY WAITED UNTIL AFTER ICELAND HAD REACHED AGREEMENT WITH GREAT BRITAIN AND WEST GERMANY SINCE GIVING NORWAY PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT NOW COULD PREJUDICE ICELAND'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.K. AND WEST GERMANY.

B. MEXICO: EVENSEN VISITED MEXICO FROM 11-16 OCTOBER AT THE INVITATION OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND WAS RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT. THE MEXICANS INDICATED THAT THEIR LAW EXTENDING THEIR LIMIT TO 200 MILES WOULD PROBABLY BE PASSED EARLY IN 1976 AND WOULD ENTER INTO FORCE IN MID-JUNE 1976, ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO POSTPONE ITS APPLICATION UNTIL A LATER DATE IF PROGRESS WAS MADE AT THE NEXT LOS CONFERENCE SESSION AND ANOTHER SESSION WAS SCHEDULED IN 1976. THE MEXICANS ALSO SAID THEY WERE READY TO START NEGOTIATION OF FISHING AGREEMENTS WITH THE U.S. AND CSA FOR THE AREA BETWEEN TEN AND 200 NAUTICAL MILES OFF THEIR COAST.

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C. EVENSEN LUNCHEON IN NEW YORK OCTOBER 17:

TREHOLT SAID EVENSEN WAS PLEASED THAT TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO TRY TO HOLD A SECOND LOS CONFERENCE SESSION IN NEW YORK DURING JULY AND AUGUST 1976.

D. CANADA: CANADIAN -NORWEGIAN FISHING NEGOTIATIONS AT OTTAWA 20-21 OCTOBER RESULTED IN AN AGREEMENT TO BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES

THAT, UPON EXTENSION OF CANADIAN FISHING LIMITS, NORWEGIAN VESSELS LICENSED BY CANADA MAY FISH WITHIN THE NEW LIMITS AND WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE PART OF THE TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH AND INDIVIDUAL STOCKS SUPRLUS TO CANADIAN HARVESTING CAPACITY. A COPY OF THE AGREEMENT WILL BE SENT TO OXMAN L/OES.

E. NORWEGIAN FISHING LIMITS:

ON 21 OCTOBER EVENSEN REVIEWED IN PARLIAMENT HIS LOS ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCED THAT NORWAY WOULD NOW MOVE TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONES, PROBABLY IN JUNE 1976, AND WOULD DROP ITS 50- MILE LIMIT PROPOSAL. IN ADDITION, NORWAY WOULD NEGOTIATE THE EXTENSION IN TIME AND AREA OF ITS EXISTING TRAWL FREE ZONES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW TRAWL FREE ZONE OFF THE COAST NORTH OF TRONDHEIM. FURTHERMORE, IN NEGOTIATING FISHING WITHIN ITS 200-MILE ZONES, NORWAY WOULD AIM AT ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL 50-MILE FISHING AREA IN WHICH ALL FOREIGN FISHING WOULD BE PHASED OUT RAPIDLY, E.G., WITHIN TWO YEARS. DURING NOVEMBER, EVENSEN SAID HE WOULD BE NEGOTIATING WITH THE FRENCH, WEST GERMANS, BELGIANS, THE EEC COMMISSION, THE DUTCH, THE EAST GERMANS AND THE POLES.

F. UNITED KINGDOM:

EVENSEN MET ON 23 OCTOBER IN LONDON WITH FOREIGN OFFICE VICE MINISTER ENNALS. ENNALS INDICATED THAT THE UK HAD REQUESTED THE EEC TO REVIEW TIS SO-CALLED FISHERY LIMITS PROTOCOL WHICH PROVIDES FOR A TEN-YEAR TRANSITIONAL PERIOD (1971-81) AFTER WHICH EEC MEMBERS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO FISH FREELY IN EACH OTHERS' WATERS. THE BRITISH CASE FOR REVISION OF THIS PROTOCOL IS BASED UPON ITS INEQUITIES IF PRESENT FISHING LIMITS ARE EXTENDED TO 200 MILES. ENNALS
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INDICATED THAT THE EEC WAS CONSIDERING THE MATTER AND WOULD DRAW UP A PROPOSED REVISION. UNTIL THIS ISSUE WAS STRAIGHTENED OUT, ENNALS SAID, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO NEGOTIATE BILATERALLY WITH NORWAY. HOWEVER, HE AGREED TO EXPLORATORY TALKS IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY ON THE EXPERT LEVEL BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION OF 200-MILE ZONES, ON FAVORABLE REVISION OF THE EEC FISHERY LIMITS PROTOCOL, AND ON CONTINUED RECIPROCAL FISHING. TREHOLT SAID THAT HE DID NOT BELEIVE THAT BRITIAN WOULD TRY TO WORK OUT A DEAL WITH THE EEC INVOLVING IMPROVEMENT OF THE FISHERY LIMIT PROTOCOL IN RETURN FOR BRITISH AGREEMENT TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY IN NEGOTIATING FISHING RIGHTS WITH NORWAY AS A BLOC.

G. USSR:

SOVIET MINISTER OF FISHERIES ISHKOV VISITED OSLO, STAVANGER, AND BERGEN OCTOBER 27-31, 1975 AT EVENSEN'S INVITATION FOR TALKS WITH HIM AND NORWEGIAN FISHERIES MINISTER BOLLE. EVENSEN TOLD ISHKOV THAT SINCE NORWAY WOULD ESTABLISH 200-MILE FISHING LIMITS WITHIN ONE YEAR IT WAS IMPORTANT TO WORK OUT A FISHING AGREEMENT IN THE INTERIM BASED ON THIS ASSUMPTION AND ON THE INTEREST OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IN CONTINUING THEIR RECIPROCAL FISHING IN EACH OTHER'S WATERS. TREHOLT SAID THAT ISHKOV RESISTED EVENSEN'S REQUEST FOR THE IMMEDIATE INITIATION OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS, SAYING THAT THE USSR WAS UNWILLING TO ENTER INTO SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS ON FISHING WITHIN EXPANDED FISHING LIMITS WITH ANY COUNTRY PENDING CONCLUSION OF THE LOS CONFERENCE. IN DOING SO ISHKOV SAID THAT THIS POSITION WAS SET FORTH IN USSR NOTIFICATION TO ICELAND FOLLOWING ICELAND'S EXTENSION TO 200-MILES. IN THE END, HOWEVER, ISHKOV AGREED THAT DISCUSSIONS BASED ON 200-MILE ZONES ON THE EXPERT LEVEL COULD BE HELD IN MOSCOW IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1976. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF THE NORWEGIAN-SOVIET OFF-SHORE BOUNDARY OR OF SVALBARD WITH ISHKOV. ISHKOV INVITED EVENSEN TO MOSCOW IN MAY 1976 FOR TALKS IMMEDIATELY AFTER CONCLUSION OF THE NEXT LOS CONFERENCE SESSION.

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